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For: A SWITCH PROVIDED WITH A SIGNALLING COUPLER, AND A METHOD OF SENDING A SIGNALLING MESSAGE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is changed as follows:

Please replace page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph as follows:

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The present invention relates to a switch provided with a signaling coupler. The invention also provides a method of sending signaling messages. It is used mainly in the field of telecommunications for the purpose of transmitting signaling signals that are used in particular in controlling telephone exchanges, i.e. private or public switches. The object of the invention is to make the transmission of signaling signals more transparent in spite of the variety of transmission techniques and protocols adopted.